

General Assembly

Senate Joint Resolution No. 29

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LCO No. 4260



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by: (GAE)

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING.

Resolved by this Assembly:

- 1 Section 1. WHEREAS, at the 2021 regular session of the General
- 2 Assembly of the state of Connecticut, said General Assembly did
- approve, by at least a majority, but by less than three-fourths, of the total
- 4 membership of each house, a resolution proposing an amendment to the
- 5 Constitution of the State which amendment, in accordance with article
- 6 sixth of the amendments to the Constitution, was published in the
- 7 manner prescribed therein and continued to the present regular session
- 8 of the General Assembly, and which resolution is as follows:
- 9 "Resolved by this Assembly:
- Section 1. That the following be proposed as an amendment to the
- 11 Constitution of the State, which, when approved and adopted in the
- manner provided by the Constitution, shall, to all intents and purposes,
- 13 become a part thereof:
- 14 Section 7 of article sixth of the Constitution is amended to read as

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follows:

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- Sec. 7. The general assembly may provide by law for voting in the choice of any officer to be elected or upon any question to be voted on at an election by qualified voters of the state who [are unable to] will not appear at the polling place on the day of election. [because of absence from the city or town of which they are inhabitants or because of sickness or physical disability or because the tenets of their religion forbid secular activity.]
- 23 RESOLVED: That the foregoing proposed amendment to the 24 Constitution be continued to the next session of the General Assembly 25 elected at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, and 26 published with the laws passed at the present session, or be presented 27 to the electors at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, 28 whichever the case may be, according to article sixth of the amendments 29 to the Constitution. The designation of said proposed amendment to be 30 used on the ballots at such election shall be "Shall the Constitution of the 31 State be amended to permit the General Assembly to allow each voter 32 to vote by absentee ballot?"
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS ASSEMBLY: That the said amendment so proposed is approved and that it be presented to the electors at the general election to be held on November 5, 2024."

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